

37. (Amended) The composition of claim 36, wherein said arginine is present in a molar concentration range of about 20 mM to about 200 mM.

38. (Amended) The composition of claim 34, wherein said pH is in a range of about pH 5.5 to about pH 9.0.

39. (Amended) The composition of claim 38, wherein said pH is in a range of about pH 5.7 to about pH 6.3.

46. (Twice amended) A composition comprising:

(a) biologically active insulin-like growth factor-1 (IGF-I) or biologically active analogue thereof having an amino acid sequence that shares at least 70% sequence identity with the amino acid sequence for human IGF-I, wherein said IGF-I or analogue thereof is present at a concentration of at least about 12 mg/ml when said composition is at a temperature of about 4°C;

(b) a solubilizing compound selected from the group consisting of arginine, N-acetyl-arginine, a dipeptide containing arginine, a tripeptide containing arginine, and guanidine hydrochloride, wherein said dipeptide or said tripeptide increases solubility of said IGF-I or analogue thereof at a pH of at least about pH 5.5; and

(c) a buffer such that the composition has a pH of about pH 5.5 to about pH 9.0.

88. (Amended) The composition of claim 87, wherein said arginine is present in a molar concentration range of about 10 mM to about 1 M.

89. (Amended) The composition of claim 88, wherein said arginine is present in a molar concentration range of about 15 mM to about 500 mM.

90. (Amended) The composition of claim 89, wherein said arginine is present in a molar concentration range of about 20 mM to about 200 mM.

91. (Amended) The composition of claim 87, wherein said pH is in a range of about pH 5.5 to about pH 9.0.

92. (Amended) The composition of claim 91, wherein said pH is in a range of about pH 5.7 to about pH 6.3.

102. (Amended) The composition of claim 101, wherein said arginine is present in a molar concentration range of about 10 mM to about 1 M.

103. (Amended) The composition of claim 102, wherein said arginine is present in a molar concentration range of about 15 mM to about 500 mM.

104. (Amended) The composition of claim 103, wherein said arginine is present in a molar concentration range of about 20 mM to about 200 mM.

105. (Amended) The composition of claim 101, wherein said pH is in a range of about pH 5.5 to about pH 9.0.

106. (Amended) The composition of claim 105, wherein said pH is in a range of about pH 5.7 to about pH 6.3.

REMARKS

Claims 31, 35-39, 46, 88-92, and 102-106 have been amended as noted below. No new matter has been added by way of claim amendment.

Specifically, for the purposes of expediting prosecution, these claims have been amended to address the Examiner's concerns regarding indefiniteness. In keeping with the Examiner's suggestion, claims 35-39, 88-92, and 102-106 have been amended to recite concentrations or pH values in the range "of about ... to about ..." instead of "from about ... to about ...". Support for the amendments to the claims resides in the original claims and throughout the specification. Claims 31 and 46 have been amended to recite